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DEL DISCUSSION MAY 7 OF MINISTERIAL AGENDA ITEM 2

1. OECD HEADS DEL HAD PRELIMINARY, LARGELY UNINSTRUCTED, DISCUSSION OF DOC C(74)82 PREPARED AS BASIS FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 2, OECD COOPERATION ON ENERGY POLICIES. REACTIONS WERE GENERALLY FAVORABLE. PAPER WILL BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL MAY 14. END SUMMARY.

2. IN INTRODUCING PAPER, SECGEN SAID THAT MAY 29-30 MINISTERIAL COUNCIL WAS NOT APPROPRIATE TIME FOR COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF ENERGY POLICIES BECAUSE OECD LONG TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT (LTEA) WOULD NOT YET BE READY, AND IMPORTANT WORK ON ENERGY WOULD STILL BE
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GOING ON IN ECG AND RELATED OECD GROUPS. HOWEVER, IN

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HIS VIEW IT WAS DESIRABLE MINISTERS BE INFORMED OF CERTAIN PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF LTEA IN FRAMEWORK OF GENERAL ECONOMIC POLICY.
SINCE LTEA SCHEDULED TO BE FINISHED IN FALL, MINISTERS MIGHT PERHAPS BE CONVENED IN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TOWARD END OCTOBER FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION.
SECGEN NOTED THAT MINISTERS WOULD BE ASKED TO APPROVE ONLY A PROCEDURAL SUGGESTION, THAT SECGEN, IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT EXPERTS, BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTATION OF LTEA TO COUNCIL INSTEAD OF ENERGY COMMITTEE.

3. HEADS DEL REACTIONS (ALMOST ALL ON PERSONAL BASIS) TO DOCUMENT AND SECGEN'S EXPLANATIONS WERE GENERALLY FAVORABLE, THOUGH SPANISH DEL PREDICTABLY TOOK ISSUE WITH SUGGESTION TO BYPASS ENERGY COMMITTEE. SOME OTHER DELS WERE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH SECGEN THAT NEW PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION LTEA TO COUNCIL WOULD SPEED COMPLETION OF REPORT AND ENCOURAGE REVIEW BY EXPERTS WITH BROADER COMPETENCE THAN THOSE NORMALLY PRESENT IN ENERGY COMMITTEE.

4. PAPER WILL BE REVIEWED AGAIN BY COUNCIL MAY 14.
SUMMARY OF PAPER HAS BEEN SENT BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
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